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Applicant: Angela K. Hanson, et al.
Title: AUTOMATICALLY SPECIFYING ADDRESS
WHERE DOCUMENT IS TO BE SENT
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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated January 2, 2003 (Paper No. 11).

The amendments presented below are in compliance with the **revised amendment format** permitted in the Notice from the Office of Patent Legal Administration of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office dated January 31, 2003. Thus, the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.121 are waived for amendments made in this response to the claims.

This response is being submitted within the shortened statutory period for reply to the Office Action. However, should additional fees be necessary in connection with the filing of this paper, or if a petition for extension of time is required for timely acceptance of same, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge **Deposit Account No. 19-0741** for any such fees; and applicant(s) hereby petition for any needed extension of time.

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In this response, the claims 2-4 have been amended to overcome the objections and the rejections under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph. Independent claim 5 has been amended to call for the address which are obtained via the decoding of the scanned document are different from that at which the document was initially received. Claims 15, 20, 22 24, 25 and 27 have been amended to call for the communication mark to be a non-text/image type mark. This differentiates over the arrangement disclosed in Witek which ignores such data and focuses on text material which can be read using OCR. The claims rejected as being anticipated by Cass are left unamended and the shortcomings of the disclosure of this reference vis-à-vis the claim language are pointed out.

The rejections under 35 USC § 103 are traversed in that the teachings of the references when taken as a whole would not lead the hypothetical person of ordinary skill to the claimed subject matter and in that proper motivation has not been established in accordance with the § 103 statute.

New dependent claims 29 – 33 have been added. Claim 29 calls for document of claim 5 to be a fax and for the fax to be sent back to the sending party. Claim 30 calls for the communication mark to be a non-text/communication mark. Claims 31-33 all for the address data to be obtained directly from the communication mark.



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- (X) Response/Amendment () Petition to extend time to respond
(X) New fee as calculated below () Supplemental Declaration
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TOTAL CLAIMS	29	MINUS	24	= 5	X \$18	\$ 90
INDEP. CLAIMS	10	MINUS	10	= 0	X \$84	\$ 0
[] FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					+ \$280	\$ 0
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OTHER FEES						\$
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$ 90

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